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ACCIDENT PREVENTION AGENCY

1. SUMMARY. THIS IS TO INFORM STATE AND LABOR DEPARTMENTS AND SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ABOUT A VISIT TO WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 21-23 BY THE PRESIDENT OF ITALY'S NATIONAL ACCIDENT PREVENTION AGENCY (ENPI), ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF. HE IS ALSO A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC POLITICIAN. THEY HAVE ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS DIRECTLY WITH LABOR/OSHA AND NIOSH, BUT WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN ALL WILL GO WELL, AND COULD USE AN INTERPRETER.
END SUMMARY.

2. DR. CARLO BORRINI, PRESIDENT OF ENPI WILL VISIT THE US FEBRUARY 20-24. HE WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 21, FROM BOSTON, ACCOMPANIED BY ENPI'S DIRECTOR GENERAL, DR. ALFREDO FRANZETTI, VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL, ING. FLAVIO VIGNUDELLI, AND TWO TECHNICIANS: MD MICHELE D'EMIGLIO AND DR. FRANCESCO BENVENUTI, A CHEMIST. THEY HAVE ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS AT OSHA AND NIOSH FEBRUARY 21 AND 22 THROUGH MS. HELEN FARRINGTON OF OSHA AND MR. EDWARD BAIER OF NIOSH. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE GROUPS SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH, AN INTERPRETER, OR AT LEAST AN ITALIAN-SPEAKING PARTICIPANT ON THE AMERICAN SIDE WOULD BE USEFUL TO CLARIFY ANY TECHNICAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS. THEY WILL PROBABLY DEPART THURSDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 23, FOR
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NEW YORK, AND SPEND A DAY THERE.

3. ENPI IS AN OFFICIAL OR SEMI-OFFICIAL, INDEPENDENT, SELF-SUPPORTING AGENCY, WITH ABOUT 4,000 EMPLOYEES NATIONWIDE. IT CONDUCTS RESEARCH, ESTABLISHES OCCUPATIONAL (AND IN SOME INSTANCES, CONSUMER) SAFETY AND HEALTH

STANDARDS, INSPECTS WORKPLACES, SUBSTANCES, EQUIPMENT, ELEVATOR, ETC, TO VERIFY AND CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS, CHARGING EMPLOYERS, OWNERS OR PRODUCERS FOR THE SERVICE. IT ALSO RECEIVES COMPENSATION FROM THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION AGENCY (INAIL) FOR WHICH PERFORMS SOME TASKS. IT IS ONE OF MANY AGENCIES THREATENED WITH DECENTRALIZATION UNDER LAW 382 (WHICH TRANSFERRED MANY RESPONSIBILITIES FROM NATIONAL TO REGIONAL GOVERNMENT) AND UNDER THE PROPOSED NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM REFORM.

4. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WAS REQUESTED BY BORRINI'S AIDE, ANTONIO DI MAMBRO, TO MAKE CERTAIN ALL GOES SMOOTHLY AND THE ENPI GROUPS SUCCEEDS IN INFORMING ITSELF THOROUGHLY ABOUT AMERICAN ADVANCES AND TECHNIQUES IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH.

5. BEFORE MOVING TO ENPI, BORRINI WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS' MOVEMENT (MCL), ESTABLISHED BY GROUPS WHO SPLIT AWAY FROM THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC WORKERS' ASSOCIATIONS (ACLI) WHEN ACLI BECAME RADICAL AND MARXIST (ROME 1438). DI MAMBRO IS NOW MCL'S NATIONAL SECRETARY IN HIS SPARE TIME, AND ACTIVE, LIKE BORRINI, IN THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

6. ACCORDING TO DI MAMBRO, BORRINI IS PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY ASSOCIATION, WHICH DI MAMBRO REFERRED BY ITS ITALIAN INITIALS AS AISS. AFTER HIS US VISIT, BORRINI UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL CONTINUE ON TO MEXICO IN CONNECTION WITH HIS AISS DUTIES. GARDNER

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